

UNEMPLOYMENT IS ON DECREASE

Mid Western Cities Report Labor Opportunities Picking Up

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Inadequate Transportation Facilities Handicap to Rapid Recovery

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—Although employment was retarded somewhat by inadequate transportation and completion of harvest almost eight thousand more men were employed in two cities of the middle west during November 1932 than in October according to the report of the United States labor department service for the fourth district made public tonight. The report is compiled from statistics submitted by 1,149 firms in the district which includes Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. The total number of men employed by the firms in November was 228,922 as compared with 217,278 the month before.

Reports from the different cities indicated that the most packing industry was being operated at a high capacity, with an increased employment in manufacturing and mining industries. Building operations were reported decreasing in some states while in others the non-availability of winter weather permitted building to continue.

Steady Gains in North.
In Minnesota meat packing and steel production showed a steady gain, the latter attaining the highest peak of the year. Considerable agricultural labor, released with the completion of harvest work, was re-employed in northern lumber camps. Flour mills and allied industries were affected by restricted transportation facilities.

Iowa also reported a curtailment of employment because of transportation. Increased employment was noted in railroad shops and there was a fair demand for corn huskers and farm hands. Missouri also reported a good demand for farm hands for winter work, with employment in meat packing and shoe manufacturing at the highest point of the year. Lead and zinc mines and the iron and steel industries continued to augment forces.

North and South Dakota reported a demand for farm workers, but in South Dakota, harvesting was near completion, and many workers were migrating to northern lumber camps. Both states reported a decrease in building operations. Nebraska reported industry hampered by car shortage although employment in meat packing continued good. Kansas reported less demand for labor for construction work, although demand for farm help during harvest was good.

Tables Supplying Data.
The following table gives a part of the firms reporting the number employed on October 15, and the number employed on November 15:

City and Number Firms.	Oct. 15	Nov. 15
Chicago, Ill. (100)	29,472	30,494
St. Paul (115)	28,567	29,148
St. Louis (118)	28,567	29,148
Greater Kansas City (105)	28,567	29,148
St. Joseph, Mo. (105)	28,567	29,148
Minneapolis, Minn. (105)	28,567	29,148
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